

## Confaldheim to try for Cyprus peace

AMMAN, April 12 (R). — U.N. Secretary General Kurt Waldheim said here tomorrow on the future of the divided island of Cyprus he would not decide on a special trip to Nicosia until he had a chance to study the Turkish-Cypriot proposals. But asked about a weekend flight to the island for consultations with a Greek and Greek-Cypriot leaders, Mr. Waldheim replied: "It is possible, it is not excluded."

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## Ceausescu warns of peace menace

WASHINGTON, April 12 (R). — President Nicolae Ceausescu, who has steered an independent course between East and West, told President Carter today that the world is threatening clouds menace peace.

The Romanian leader was at an official arrival ceremony during which President Carter said the bonds between the United States and Romania were more important than their ideological differences and membership of opposition military alliances.

President Ceausescu, whose country's human rights record has been criticised by the Carter administration, said the recent Belgrade conference revising the Helsinki agreements on European security and cooperation had made no significant progress in improving West relations.

Welcoming the Romanian president, Carter today cited Jerusalem as the cause of Israel — a status which the U.S. government has agreed to apply to the city. He used the term in saying recent notable achievements.

## Soviets claim diplomat held by U.S. intelligence

UNITED NATIONS, April 12 (R). — The Soviet Mission to the United Nations charged yesterday that Arkady N. Shevchenko, absent top-ranking member of the U.N.ariat, was being held "under duress" by U.S. intelligence services in a "detention framework."

circumstances surrounding Shevchenko's New York Lawyer, Ernest A. Gross, noted that his U.N. employment contract had two years to go and contended that for the United Nations to fire him out of hand just on Soviet request would violate the U.N. charter.

It is also clear that at present he is in the hands of U.S. intelligence services under duress and unable to act on his own. In connection with this out-of-provocation, the Soviet Union has registered a strong protest with the government of United States and demanded that Soviet citizen A.N. Shevchenko be returned to the USSR. The Soviet Mission to the

## U.S. denies charge

WASHINGTON, April 12 (R). — The U.S. government today denied Soviet charges that it was holding Soviet U.N. diplomat Arkady Shevchenko against his will. "He is free to stay, return to the Soviet Union or go to another country as he wishes," state department spokesman Tom Reston said.

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## U.S. will stand by NATO

WASHINGTON, April 12 (R). — The U.S. Defence Department, in an unusual move, today made public portions of a secret document saying that it did not plan abandoning the southern and northern flanks of NATO. A few lines from the Pentagon's voluminous guidance to the military services for planning the 1980 defence budget were released as Defence Secretary Harold Brown left for a nine-day trip to Europe to consult with NATO allies. "We do not advocate abandoning the flanks of NATO ... we would not propose to abandon the Mediterranean," Mr. Brown said in the budget guideline document.

Price: Jordan 50 fils; Syria 50 piastres; Lebanon 75 piastres; Saudi Arabia 1 riyal; UAE 1 dirham; Great Britain 25 pence.



## New Soviet weapons captured by Israelis in S. Lebanon invasion

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, April 12 (Agencies) — As Israeli troops settled into new positions in southern Lebanon Wednesday, Prime Minister Menachem Begin called the month-long occupation a qualified military and political success.

Begin said the establishment of a peacekeeping force on Israel's northern border, long harassed by infiltrations and rocket attacks, was a political achievement. But he said the long-range effectiveness of that arrangement was still in doubt.

Critics have accused the government of overreacting to the terrorist assault outside Tel Aviv on March 11 which cost 35 Israeli lives. Lebanese reports say over 2,000 civilians were killed in Israeli air strikes and artillery bombardments.

The critics also say the Israeli action did not hinder the Palestinians' capability to harass Israeli border settlements with artillery and rocket fire from their new positions.

Defence officials declined to confirm or deny a report in the English language Jerusalem Post saying that an estimated 280 civilians died in the south Lebanon fighting.

Another Israeli announcement today said an estimated 1,000 Lebanese a day were now returning to the homes they fled in the fighting. The announcement said that up to last weekend about 5,000 people had returned home, including many who hid in the area during the conflict.

About 100,000 civilians are thought to have fled the region in the fighting. Large numbers of the returning refugees find their homes reduced to rubble and most of the villages in the area still have a sparsely populated look.

## Weapons captured

Israeli spokesmen have declined to give estimates of the civilian death toll. The Post report, attributed to authoritative but unofficial sources, said Israel had so far buried about 180 civilian victims of the conflict.

An estimated 100 more civilians had been buried by the

## Alia leads Arab airlines in promoting joint operations on long distance routes

By John Bonar  
Editor to the Jordan Times

## 747's not a financial burden

The Chairman of Alia categorically denied that the company faced any flow or profit problems because of its purchase of Boeing 747 aircraft. "Our 747's to Bangkok are almost full and our flights to New York are running at 78 per cent capacity."

"We are suffering no strain, no financial problems, because of our purchase of these aircraft," said Mr. Ghandour, refuting rumours that the 747's represent a financial burden to Alia.

The Alia chairman acknowledged that, as with any large capital investment involving commercial borrowing on the Euromarkets, there are "substantial" repayments to be made in interest and capital on the finance arranged for Alia to purchase the aircraft. "However we are able to meet them and they are not a problem for us," said Mr. Ghandour.

## Daily flights from Arab capitals to U.S.?

Mr. Ghandour revealed that correspondence was now underway between several Arab airlines and the civil aviation authorities in the United States seeking authority for a daily flight between the Arab countries and the U.S.

This flight would be operated by aircraft of the Arab airline fleets, bearing their own



colours, but would be marketed under one consortium name, such as "Arab Air America".

Mr. Ghandour said the airlines which have agreed to form the consortium are Saudi, Gulf Air, Middle East Airlines and Kuwait Airways in addition to Alia and Syrian Arab Airlines, which are already operating a twice weekly joint flight to New York from Amman.

Alia has taken a lead in promoting cooperation among regional airlines. The joint flight operated by Alia on behalf of themselves and Syrian Airlines

is the first such joint operation in the Middle East. Alia will shortly be introducing a similar joint service with Gulf Air to operate between Amman and various Gulf destinations and within the Gulf. This is in addition to the joint service now being promoted by Alia, Gulf Air, MSA and Cyprus Airways for flights from the Gulf to Amman, Beirut and Larnaca.

## Flights to south America

After a recent visit by Mr. Ghandour to West Africa, the legal formalities have been co-

mpleted for the inauguration of flights from Amman to South America, via West Africa. It is planned to operate two weekly flights. One will be Amman-Lagos-Abidjan - Rio de Janeiro and the other Amman-Kano-Dakar - Rio de Janeiro.

Agreements with Brazil, Senegal and Nigeria had already been concluded, but administrative problems prevented the finalising of air transport accord with the Ivory Coast which has no diplomatic representation in Jordan. After Mr. Ghandour's talks with Mr. Koffi, the Chairman and President of Air Afrique and Mr. Savane Vassiriki, the Director of Civil Aviation, the Ivory Coast has granted Alia a temporary permit to operate through the country pending the signing of a full agreement by the civil aviation departments of Jordan and the Ivory Coast.

Mr. Ghandour said that Alia is offering to share this route with other Arab airlines on the same basis as the New York flights are shared with Syrian Arab Airlines. "Sound reasons" for shelving

## Arab Air University

Plans for an Arab Air University have not been shelved, added Mr. Ghandour, who added, "there were sound reasons" for the recent cutbacks in the size and staff of the Royal Academy of Aeronautics. The decision to strip the ac-

## Syrian guns pound Beirut area to quell rightists

BEIRUT, April 12 (R). — Arab peace keeping forces today bombarded Beirut's Christian suburb of Ain Rummaneh where rightists have been fighting leftists in the neighbouring Moslem district of Shiyah for four days. The tank and rocket assault by the Syrian-dominated force killed 25 people in Ain Rummaneh and wounded 60, according to right-wing estimates. The sources said 12 Syrians were killed but there was no official confirmation of the casualty toll.

Lebanese Interior Minister Salah Salameh told reporters that fighting today was exclusively between peace force troops and rightist militiamen.

But rightwing combatants said they also clashed with leftists in Shiyah.

Syria threw tanks and "Stalin organ" rocket batteries into battle to restore peace between the districts where four days of fighting killed at least 15 and wounded 75.

After furious morning exchanges between leftists in Shiyah and rightists in Ain Rummaneh, fighting subsided when Syrian troops in the hills overlooking the combat zone pounded targets below with Katyusha rockets.

Tanks guns of the Syrian-dominated Arab League peace force, which is policing the Lebanese civil war truce, also went into action.

Most of the peace force fire was concentrated on targets in Christian Ain Rummaneh.

## Anniversary

The fighting raged on the eve of the third anniversary of an incident in Ain Rummaneh which sparked the 1975-76 civil war, which left an estimated 60,000 dead but failed to solve the country's problems.

Rightwing military leaders blamed the latest fighting on the Palestinians and described

## Palestinians must "behave"

In what was interpreted as a statement falling just short of a declaration of war on the

Palestinians in Lebanon, Mr. Chamoun declared that they "must pack up their arms and behave as decent citizens."

Officials of the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) have denied Palestinian involvement in the latest fighting.

There has been no eyewitness confirmation of significant Palestinian front-line participation.

"What the devil are you doing here?" he barked. "Go home, take cover, this isn't a television play."

Though the fighting was restricted to two districts, most schools in predominantly Christian eastern Beirut closed in the morning. In Ain Rummaneh, civilians huddled in basements as protection against shrapnel.

Fears of renewed fighting despite Syria's intervention were fuelled when the radio station of the Phalangist Party began broadcasting martial music -- for the first time since the end of the war.

## Israeli soldier

## killed in south Lebanon clash

TEL AVIV, March 12 (R). — An Israeli soldier was killed in a clash with a Palestinian guerrilla group in the west sector of south Lebanon, the military command said here today.

It identified the soldier as a 26-year-old corporal but gave no further details about the incident.

Earlier yesterday three Israeli soldiers were killed and another seriously wounded in south Lebanon when their military vehicle, which they were driving without authorisation, overturned. Seven Israeli were ambushed by Palestinian guerrillas while on a joy ride in south Lebanon last week.

Two managed to get back to Israel but five are missing behind Palestinian lines, and are believed dead.

In Beirut a Palestinian commando organisation today claimed responsibility for last night's explosion in Jerusalem and said more than 40 Israelis were killed or wounded in the blast. The Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine (DFLP) said in a statement that one of its commando units planted explosive charges near the Jaffa gate of Old Jerusalem. It said the explosion caused heavy damage.

Last night Jerusalem police said a small explosive charge went off in the area, causing no casualties.

## Nkomo says Owen, Vance will join Rhodesia talks in Dar Es Salaam

LUSAKA, Zambia, April 12 (AP). — Joshua Nkomo, co-leader of the Patriotic Front guerrilla alliance, left today for Dar Es Salaam, Tanzania, where he and Maputo-based leader, Robert Mugabe will take part in Anglo-American sponsored talks on Rhodesia during the upcoming weekend.

Speaking in an interview before his departure, Nkomo said, "we are going to Dar Es Salaam to resume the adjourned Malta talks on Rhodesia."

He confirmed that the Dar Es Salaam talks on Rhodesia

will also be attended by British Foreign Secretary David Owen and U.S. Secretary of State Cyrus Vance.

Asked what specific issues will be discussed, Nkomo replied, "we are going to discuss the acceptable elements of the Anglo-American proposals on the Rhodesian independence dispute."

He said other aspects of the discussions would mainly be on "military and constitutional matters including the venue for an all-party conference based on Anglo-American proposals."

## Syrian press demands sanctions to force Israel to withdraw

DAMASCUS, April 12 (R). — The semi-official Syrian newspaper Al Thawra charged today that Israel was misleading the world community over its withdrawal from south Lebanon, and called for the application of sanctions against it.

"Israel is stalling and claiming

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## Mr Begin's disaster

The Israelis usually do not waste any opportunity to tell the world about their peaceful intentions and their good behaviour, and their withdrawal from south Lebanon normally would be such an opportunity to be squeezed for its maximum propaganda value. Indeed, in normal times, the assorted Zionist groups in the United States would organise special dinners, at \$1,000 a plate, to commemorate the Israeli withdrawal from the south Lebanese territory invaded one month ago. But these are not normal times, and the Israeli withdrawal that has been slowly initiated this week will not be trumpeted so loudly, because it is glaring testament to the failure of everything that Israel has ever stood for in the past.

Prime Minister Begin ordered the invasion and occupation of south Lebanon with the aim of cutting down the Palestinian resistance fighting forces, and he said that Israel would withdraw only when the U.N. peace-keeping troops neutralised the Palestinians and guaranteed Israel security. Well, now the Israelis are withdrawing and leaving the south of Lebanon in the same vacuum that it has been in for the past several years, with neither the U.N. troops nor the Lebanese themselves having full control in the region. In other words, Premier Begin has had to eat his words.

The Israeli invasion of south Lebanon has been rightly perceived by the Israeli leaders for exactly what it is -- a disaster, and totally unrelated to guaranteeing Israel's security in the north. The instinctive, reflexive Israeli resort to the gun has proved inappropriate and ineffective once again.

# Almost driven to extinction by hunters, the Arabian oryx makes a comeback to Jordan



Side view of the Arabian oryx gives the illusion of a one-horned animal, which has perhaps given rise to the legend of the unicorn.

Text and photos  
By Ginette Devaney  
Special to the Jordan Times

Following the arrival in February of four male Arabian oryx leucoryx, the first of these extremely rare animals, formally indigenous to Jordan, to live here for nearly forty years, I visited the Shaumari Reserve of the Royal Society for the Protection of Nature (RSPN). This 22 square km. site lies near Azraq some 100 kms. east of Amman. There I spoke to Mr. John Clarke, the project leader who showed me around and to Mr. Lassry Schiffner, the keeper from the Wild Animal Park in San Diego, California who arrived with the oryx on Feb. 17.

Mr. Clarke, an Englishman, is a zoologist by profession but before coming to Jordan with his wife, two and a half years ago, he had spent the previous 19 years involved with game reserves in Africa: six of those years being spent at the Director of Parks in Zambia.

Employed by the World Wildlife Fund in co-operation with the International Union for the Conservation of Nature based in Mornes near Geneva, Switzerland, Mr. Clarke not only runs the reserve and is in sole charge of all aspects of animal care and welfare including future breeding plans, but he is also involved with the planning and setting up of a system of nature reserves throughout Jordan and the drafting of a wildlife law. He has completed the first phase of the project, that of compiling a management plan for the reserves and this has now been submitted to the RSPN for further consideration.

### The Shaumari Reserve

The Shaumari Reserve was set up as an agricultural experimental station in 1958 under the auspices of the Ministry of Agriculture in order to work on the problems of farming and irrigation in dry lands. The programme was abandoned in 1964 due mainly to insufficient quantities of water of the required standard -- the local water is brackish, containing too much salt for farming use.

The Royal Society for the Protection of Nature became interested in the site as it had always planned to set up a reserve for the conservation of endangered species and to revive locally extinct animals, and so in 1967 they acquired the lease on Shaumari. In 1971 the World Wildlife Fund were asked to assist in the plans for the reserve and Mr. Clarke was appointed as project leader.

It is hoped to bring back such local species as equus hemionus, the wild ass; the three gazelle species -- gazella gazella, gazella dorcas and gazella subgutturosa, which until the 1950s roamed in large herds in this country. It is also planned to bring back struthio camelus, the Syrian sub-species of ostrich found in Jordan until some years ago.

Long term future plans include the re-introduction of wolves and cheetah, although much work and a few years of successful establishment are required before these animals can again live in Jordan. Prey animals must be well settled and permanent before such carnivores can survive. Nature's own cycle of survival of predator and prey must be adhered to with animals interacting with one another, yet fitting into their chosen habitat.

### The beginnings of a herd

The four Arabian oryx now living at Shaumari were a gift to Jordan from the Board of Trustees of the World Herd of

the Arabian Oryx. This board is made up of various bodies including the Fauna Preservation Society, the World Wildlife Fund, the Zoological Society of London, the Arizona Zoological Society and the Shikar Safari Club, the last two societies from the United States. These bodies hold occasional conferences, the last was held in Portugal on Feb. 13. It is hoped that a future conference may be held in Jordan.

To save the rapidly diminishing Arabian oryx from extinction, in 1963 the nucleus of a herd was formed; an expedition was mounted and three were caught in the wild in one of the last known homes of the wild oryx, namely the Sultanate of Oman. Six animals were donated by sponsors, from captive herds -- one from the Emir of Kuwait, four from the King of Saudi Arabia and one from the London Zoo.

During their first year these animals were sent to a reserve in Kenya set up by the World Wildlife Fund and the Fauna Preservation Society, and a search for a permanent home was made. It was important that climatic conditions were as near as possible to their original habitat. Eventually they were sent to Phoenix, Arizona where they flourished -- so much so that the herd, now numbering seventy head, was dispersed to San Diego and to Brownsville, Texas.

Jordan's four animals are from the San Diego Reserve.

Hopefully, this year, four females will be donated by the World Herd Trustees but inquiries will also be addressed to other Gulf states for animals from their captive herds. It is estimated that there are between 100 and 150 Arabian oryx in the world today. Mr. Clarke told me that when the number reaches about 1000 the species can then be said to have been saved from extinction.

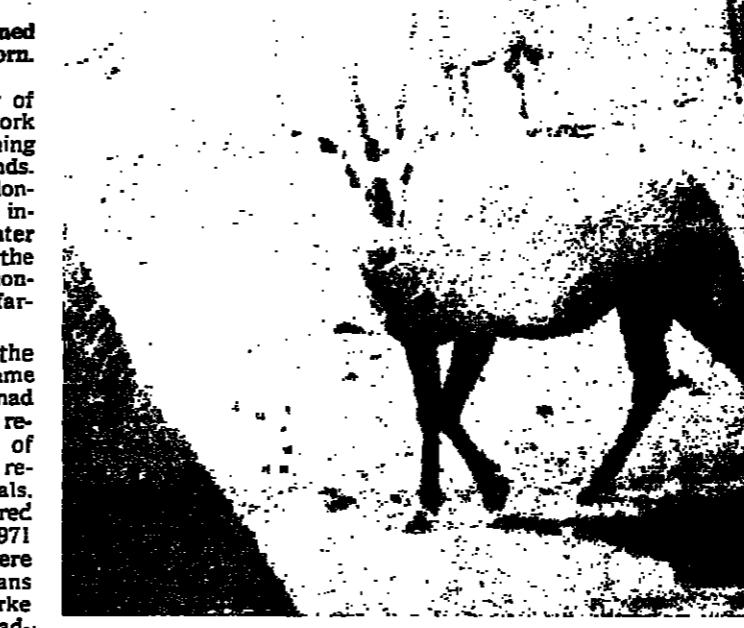
### Legend of the unicorn

The Arabian oryx is about one metre tall at the shoulder, with a small deer-like head and two very long, thin, knurled horns growing out of the forehead. The body is a soft, honey beige colour, while the legs, tail and head are a dark brown.

The horns of the oryx -- as seen at a certain angle from the side -- have supposedly given rise to the growth of the legend of the unicorn, a fabulous, single-horned animal with a horse-like body, gifted with magical powers. In heraldry it is often represented with a goat's beard and a lion's tail, thus giving it the virtues of bravery, beauty, wisdom and humility. In the Middle Ages, in the Western World, the unicorn was a symbol of virginity.

Much has been written about the near extinction of oryx leucoryx and indiscriminate hunting by local people

This is the first in a two-part series on the preservation of wildlife in Jordan.



A male Arabian oryx, with protective plastic tubes on the tips of his horns, paces the ground in his new home.



One of the recently arrived oryx in his pen.

come to the rescue of Mr. Clarke and the oryx

### Sacred baboon

Another interesting animal on the reserve was given to Mr. Clarke by a private citizen who acquired it on a visit to Saudi Arabia. This is papio hamadryas or sacred baboon -- the only primate common to the Arabian Peninsula -- found mainly in the forests of Yemen and of southern Saudi Arabia, also in the Horn of Africa and in one single instance, in Egypt. It is the animal revered by the ancient Egyptians and often depicted in their paintings and friezes. It has never been native to Jordan. This friendly, two-year-old male baboon will eventually become one of the first residents of the new Amman Zoo. Meanwhile he gives pleasure to the visitors of the Shaumari Reserve.

Any information required about the reserve and its visiting hours can be obtained from the offices of the Royal Society for the Protection of Nature on the Fifth Circle, Amman.



A sacred baboon sits on a rock.

## Economic and Business News

### AMC pays first part of share in Potash Co.

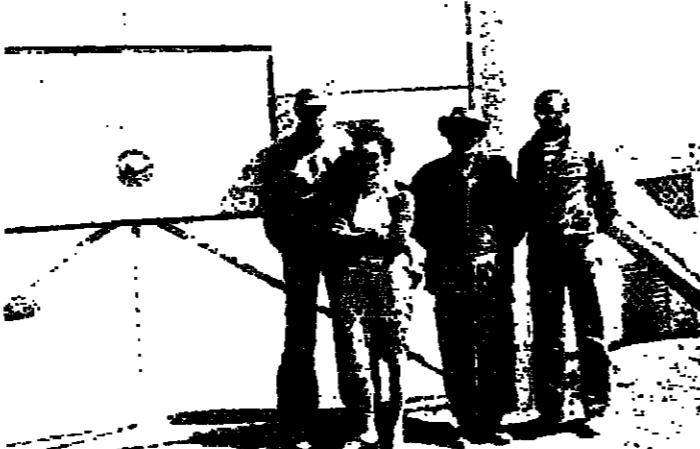
AMMAN, April 12 (JNA). -- The Arab Potash Company has received the sum of JD 2,500,000 from the Arab Mining Company (AMC), a source at the potash company said today. The sum is the first instalment of the mining company's share in the Dead Sea potash project. AMC holds 25 per cent of the project's total capital.

### Iran gives \$2m. loan to Marqa housing project

AMMAN, April 12 (JNA). -- Director General of the Housing Corporation Hamdullah Al Nabulsi returned here today from a three-day official visit to Iran. During his stay he signed a \$2 million loan agreement with the Iranian Ministry of Economy under which the latter will finance the building of 300 housing units as part of the Marqa housing project. The Marqa housing project is part of a larger plan to develop the Amman northern area. As well as receiving help from the Jordanian government the project is also being partly financed by the Arab Fund for Economic and Social Development.



Standing beside crates holding the precious oryx, Larry Schiffer, Master Keeper of the San Diego Wild Animal Park of California, U.S.A., is bid bon voyage by Karen Merkert of the Customer Service Department of Alia, at New York City's Kennedy Airport on Feb. 16.



Larry Schiffer (from right to left) poses with Mr. J. Clarke, Mrs. Clarke and a local foreman outside the "animal holding unit."

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## WHAT'S GOING ON

### Art Exhibition

Paintings by Ibrahim Najjar Abul Rub are on display daily at the Goethe Institute till next Saturday.

### Children's Books Exhibit

The third exhibition of children's books opens today at the King Hussein Club on Jabal Amman. The exhibition is on for one week until Friday 21st.

## MEMORIAL SERVICE



A memorial service will be held at the Greek Orthodox Church, Abdali on Friday, 14th April, 1978 at 11:00 a.m. in memory of the beloved:

Brigadier General  
Khalil Tawfiq Qawar

### Amman Water & Sewerage Authority (AWSA)

#### Prequalification date for Contracts

IS & 5WS

AWSA announces that the closing date for receiving the prequalification data for contracts IS & 5WS (expansion of Sewage Collection & Water Laterals and house connections) which was fixed on April 30, 1978 has been extended to May 15, 1978. Qualified Contractors will be advised by June 15, 1978 when they will be invited to submit bids.

General Manager  
Tahsin Sabbagh

# Shell, Coastal States Gas Corp. to begin oil exploration in Syria

Pat McDonnell  
to the Jordan Times

SCS, April 12 — Two-based petroleum companies have signed contracts with the Syrian government for exploration operations.

are Shell Oil and Coastal Gas Corporation, a subsidiary of the Shell Oil Co. in L.W. (Roy) Stoen, Manager of Pecila Co. Petroleum engineer Peteway heads the American Oil Corporation unit of Coastal States.

projects mark the first U.S. petroleum interests operated in Syria. The Tripoli offshore oil concession closed in

to a query as to increased the interest

Oil to prospect in

Stoen said:

Headquarters for Peetan Syria Co. are in Damascus, housing a small technical and administrative staff. Five American specialists are conducting geological surveys on

square kms. ranging

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Will this concession create

jobs for Syrians?

## International News Roundup...

### RSS to receive 1.5m. Swiss francs

JAN, April 12 (JNA). — The technical assistance the Swiss government will provide for the Royal Society (RSS) under a new aid programme next two years, was discussed at today's meeting the RSS between RSS Director General Dr. Alberros, the Swiss Charge d'affaires in Amman and Director of the examinations and research centre in Gallen, Switzerland. During the meeting it was allocated 1.5 million Swiss francs to supply S with machines and equipment besides training of engineers in Swiss industrial and educational institutions. A number of Swiss experts will also be on to help the society's technical departments. Swiss government supplied the RSS with 2.7 million Swiss francs worth of machines and equipment the former technical aid programme in addition to a number of scholarships.

### Princess Basma tours Karak Governorate

JAN, April 12 (JNA). — Her Highness Princess Basma morning visited various villages and institutes Karak Governorate to look into social services.

### Financiers visit potash project

JAN, April 12 (JNA). — Participants in the Arab Company Financiers Conference today visited the potash project at the southern coast of Red Sea.

### Census to be conducted

JAN, April 12 (JNA). — The Cabinet decided at meeting today to conduct a census of inhabitants of Bank next October to assist in future planning the charting of demographic trends. The census the first comprehensive count of the population 1961.

### Cabinet approves Jordanian-Saudi information agreement

JAN, April 12 (JNA). — In its session today it approved a Jordanian-Saudi information media which was initiated during Minister of Information Adnan Abu Odeh's visit to Saudi Arabia early January. The accord regulates and promotes the countries cooperation in the fields of journalism, information, bibliography and exchange of radio and television programmes.

### er and powdered milk exempt from customs

JAN, April 12 (JNA). — The Cabinet today decided exempt butter and powdered milk from customs

### UNRWA to reduce aid to refugees

JAN, April 12 (JNA). — The United Nations Relief Works Agency for Palestinian refugees (UNRWA) reduce its aid to refugees because of a deficit in budget. The Under-secretary of the Ministry of Reconstruction and Development, Abdul Rahim Jarrar UNRWA intends to make reductions in flour quotas the coming months unless pledges for additional contributions are forthcoming. UNRWA will further partial reductions in education facilities. Mr. Jarra pointed out that in past meetings host countries, including Jordan, refused to accept any cutbacks in WA services. The deficit in the UNRWA budget is at \$26.8 million.

### Austrian tourist minister here for talks

JAN, April 12 (JNA). — The director of tourism of Austria discussed here today with Minister of Tourism and Antiquities Ghaleb Barakat cooperation a field of tourism, particularly in training and education. The Austrian tourist expert also visited the ancient city of Jarash and the eastern shore of the Dead Sea where he looked at tourist projects being carried earlier in the day he visited, the Martyr's Memorial and Hussein Medical Centre.

proximity of the border of Turkey. You might say we cover north central Syria and that Raqqah is roughly the centre of our exploration area."

Negotiations between Shell and the Syrian government spanned more than 12 months before an initial four-year exploration contract renewable for an additional six years at two-year intervals was signed. The second contract pertains to a 25-year development period at such time as Shell enters the production stage.

Stoen noted the Shell contract equally represents Shell Oil USA and Royal Dutch Shell.

The initial survey period, which officially began March 16 and will tentatively continue through mid-1979, consists of geological — seismic, magnetic and gravity — surveys coupled with geological surveys.

"These surveys will lead up to drilling prospects in mid-1979 with two wild cat wells," Stoen said.

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## Coming & Going...

### Arab mining official off to Somalia and N. Yemen

AMMAN, April 12 (JNA). — A senior official from the Arab Mining Company (AMC) Mr. Isam Khairi, leaves Amman next Saturday to visit Somalia and North Yemen, a source at the company said today. He will hold talks with officials in the two countries on possible participation by AMC in their mining projects.

### Hannah Odeh to go to Kuwait meetings

AMMAN, April 12 (JNA). — President of the National Planning Council Hanna Odeh and Deputy Governor of the Central Bank Hussein Al Qassem will be leaving for Kuwait soon to attend the annual meeting of the board of governors of the Arab Fund for Social and Economic Development. The session is due to start on April 22 and will last for two days.

"His Majesty King Hussein is sending a letter to every Arab head of state asking for support for the project," said Mr. Ghandour.

He stresses the desperate need for such an institution in the Arab World. For example, he says compellingly, in 1963 we formed Alia. Jordan had a long history of aviation. Since 1947 there had been three air

lines in the country before Royal Jordanian. Yet after 18 years of aviation experience in the country we could find only three local co-pilots, no technicians, no engineers and very few qualified sales and ticketing people. "The know-how and technology was not transferred in 18 years!"

Mr. Ghandour says that it was obvious the only way to get this know-how was to create our own technical schools.

The flying club that started in 1965 as a result of this philosophy had Alia Ghandour as one of its ground instructors and King Hussein as one of its first pupils. Although the King was already a qualified pilot, Mr. Ghandour says he enrolled and turned up for every lesson to set an example for the young people of the country.

"We sought to create a generation of Jordanians capable of working in aviation and reaching management level in technical fields, especially on the flying side."

That move has largely been successful as the majority of Alia flight crew and ground staff are now Jordanian.

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The immediate needs for the academy revolved around a demand for about 18 new pilots a year to cover the natural attrition and normal expansion of Alia and Arab Wings, the executive jet charter company based in Jordan.

"To have eighty employees for 18 students a year was out of the question," said Mr. Ghandour, who has been involved with aviation in Jordan since 1963 when Alia was founded. The academy now has 16 planes, four expatriate flying instructors, two Jordanian flying instructors, seven Jordanian assistant flying instructors and six ground school instructors, of whom five are expatriates.

A "temporary situation"

The academy has been completely absorbed administratively into the Alia Training Centre. But this is apparently only a "temporary situation". Mr. Ghandour says, "It is not true to say that Jordan is not ready for an Arab Air Academy. Jordan is more than ready but it must be planned properly and each step thoroughly thought out."

The future of the proposed Arab Air Academy should be clearer by the end of the year, thinks Mr. Ghandour. By then the Arab Civil Aviation Council (part of the Arab League) will have met in November, and it is hoped that all Arab countries will join the five states who have already signed approval for the proposal to establish the academy in Amman.

"His Majesty King Hussein is sending a letter to every Arab head of state asking for support for the project," said Mr. Ghandour.

He stresses the desperate need for such an institution in the Arab World. For example, he says compellingly, in 1963 we formed Alia. Jordan had a long history of aviation. Since 1947 there had been three air

lines in the country before Royal Jordanian. Yet after 18 years of aviation experience in the country we could find only three local co-pilots, no technicians, no engineers and very few qualified sales and ticketing people. "The know-how and technology was not transferred in 18 years!"

Mr. Ghandour says that it was obvious the only way to get this know-how was to create our own technical schools.

The flying club that started in 1965 as a result of this philosophy had Alia Ghandour as one of its ground instructors and King Hussein as one of its first pupils. Although the King was already a qualified pilot, Mr. Ghandour says he enrolled and turned up for every lesson to set an example for the young people of the country.

"We sought to create a generation of Jordanians capable of working in aviation and reaching management level in technical fields, especially on the flying side."

That move has largely been successful as the majority of Alia flight crew and ground staff are now Jordanian.

## Alia leads Arab airlines in promoting joint operations on long distance routes

By Breda Finegan  
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN, April 12 (JT). — The Third Children Book Exhibition opens at four o'clock Thursday afternoon at the King Hussein Club near the First Circle.

The exhibition, under the patronage of His Highness Crown Prince Hassan and Princess Sarwat, is organised by the Friends of the Children Club in cooperation with the Arab Centre for Research and Production, and will contain more than 40,000 books, Halim Goussov, a committee member of the Friends of the Children Club told the Jordan Times.

"The aim of the exhibition", said Mr. Goussov, "is to introduce children's books to the children of Jordan."

Thanks to the fact that all the books which came from Britain and the Arab World were

transported free of charge by Alia, the Royal Jordanian Airline, the organisation is able to offer the books at approximately 20 per cent less than most bookshops.

Not all the books on exhibit can be bought. Of the 40,000 are for sale. The rest are books donated by various embassies in Amman, and are to be included in the permanent library of the Friends of the Children Club.

"Most of the books", said Mr. Goussov, "are in English and Arabic. In fact I am 90 per cent sure that we have most of the children's books published in English and Arabic throughout the world."

The list of titles and publishers is certainly impressive. Among the books being carefully displayed today by a team of willing children under the guidance of Margo Matalian, another committee

member, I noticed the popular Dr. Seuss beginner readers books like "Bears on Wheels" and "Fox in Socks," along with adventure stories by Enid Blyton and Catherine Cookson as well as encyclopedias such as the MacMillan "Our World Encyclopedia" containing 11 smart-looking and compact volumes.

The exhibition is intended to cater for six to 16-year-olds.

As well as displaying books the club will be putting on a couple of plays which will be shown in an upstairs room and the children will also be able to watch films and cartoons every hour or so in a back room.

The exhibition will run from April 13 to 20 and will be open from about nine in the morning through to six in the evening. One piece of advice — go early if you want a good selection. Previous exhibitions have proved to be so popular late comers were often disappointed.

## 40,000 books will be on display at the Third Children's Book Exhibition opening today

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This smart-looking poster can be seen displayed outside the King Hussein Club near First Circle, Jabel Amman announcing the Third Children's Book Exhibition.

The need still exists

If there was a shortage of Arab cadres of civil aviators in 1965, the shortage is even more acute in 1978, with new airports mushrooming throughout the Middle East and Arab airlines doubling in size every few years.

It was in order to meet this need that the idea of an Arab Air University was mooted and received considerable support at the joint meeting of the Arab Civil Aviation Council and the Arab Air Transport Union in Morocco last year.

It was then that King Hussein offered the present Amman civil airport as a base for the proposed Arab Air University. This includes all the current facilities of the air academy and the various buildings, hangars and other equipment already stationed at the airport. It is envisaged that this full transfer of the Amman airport to an aviation university

will take place after international flights begin operating from the new Queen Alia Airport, now under construction at Zeeza.

Mr. Ghandour is a persuasive advocate for Amman as the base for such a university. He points out that Amman is already something of a centre for Arab aviation and that King Hussein's offer of the airport and its functioning facilities removes the cost in time and money of capital construction.

In addition, he says, Jordan's weather is one of the best in the Arab World for flying training, permitting almost total year-round flying conditions.

Not least, concludes Mr. Ghandour, King Hussein is "the most aviation-minded head of state in the Arab World."

Should the Arab Air University be established in Amman it would set standards for Arab aviation and would serve as a model for the other satellite academies and flying schools.

ols that would still have to be established throughout the Arab World to meet the tremendous demand for skilled people in all fields of aviation.

Until the day that university is established, Mr. Ghandour says, the Board of Trustees of the Royal Jordanian Academy of Aeronautics, meeting under the chairmanship of Transport Minister Ali Suhaimat, decided to turn over the management of the academy to Alia. According to Mr. Ghandour, this was largely a matter of economics. The academy received a government grant of around JD 60,000 per year but needed around four to five times this amount to cover costs. The "natural" source of additional finance, given the academy's current purely local role, was Alia.

However, says Mr. Ghandour, Alia sees its current responsibilities towards the academy as "preserving it and protecting it" for the future.

## Amman Stock Exchange Report

NAME OF COMPANY	PAR value	Volume traded	Opening price	Closing price
Jordan Petroleum Co.	JD 5,000	266	6,600	6,650
Jordan Cement Factories	JD 10,000	299	14,900	14,950
Jordan Phosphate Mines	JD 1,000	2,100	2,100	2,100
Arab Pharmaceutical Co.	JD 5,000	7,706	15,700	15,600
Housing Bank	JD 1,000	572	1,100	1,100
Petra Bank	JD 10,000	262	10,100	10,250
Jordan - Gulf Bank	JD 1,100	3,030	1,100	1,100
*Dar Alzawa Development & Investment Co.	JD 1,100	2,632	1,650	1,700
General Mining Co.	JD 1,000	4,500	0,900	0,900
Jordan Electricity Co.	JD 1,000	625	1,250	1,250
Jordan Ceramic Industries	JD 1,000	63	0,950	0,900
Arab Bank	JD 10,000	2,750	51,000	55,000
Jordan Tobacco and Cigarette Co.	JD 5,000	352	7,400	7,500

Total volume traded, Wednesday, April 12 ..... JD 25,217

\*50 per cent of share capital paid.

\*\*75 per cent of share capital paid.

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# Carter hits at civil servants' wages in new anti-inflation campaign

WASHINGTON, April 12 (Agencies). — President Carter hit at the salaries of civil servants yesterday in a new anti-inflation campaign based on voluntary wage and price restraint. He said he would set an example for Americans by vetoing legislation that exceeded his budget or increased the federal deficit, by proposing a cut in a scheduled pay rise for government workers and by freezing the salaries of senior administration officials.

The president ruled out mandatory wage and price controls, saying he could not imagine any situation in which they could help except in a national emergency such as all-out war.

In a speech before the American Society of Newspaper Editors and at a followup news conference, Carter said he alone could not stem inflation.

"Let me be blunt about this point," he said. "I am asking American workers to follow the example of federal workers and accept a lower rate of wage increase."

Mr. Carter's prescription for combating inflation -- running at an annual rate of 8.4 per cent so far this year -- promptly drew fire from union leaders of the federal workers.

The president of the American Federation of Government Employees, said Mr. Carter had "failed the entire labour movement and America's workers because his programme is nothing more than a symbolic gesture against inflation."

Mr. Wurf, president of the

largest union of government workers, put it more bluntly: "It's sheer nonsense to take the first whack at inflation out of the hides of public workers," he said.

## Union disapproval

The AFL-CIO's Public Employee Department threatened to withdraw its endorsement of Mr. Carter's proposed civil service reorganisation, Fred Kroll, President of the Brotherhood of Railway and Airline Clerks, rejected the 5.5 per cent example and said he would look instead to the coal miners' three-year, 39 per cent wage settlement.

Mr. Carter's freeze on federal executive salaries, which range up to about \$86,000 a year, will affect only a little more than 2,000 of the government's 1.4 million civilian workers.

Mr. Carter's plan to restrict this year's federal pay increase to 5.5 per cent cannot be imposed. Either the House or Senate can reject his proposal in favour of retaining the 6.5 per cent pay boost that fede-

ral workers ordinarily could expect this fall.

The president's declaration opposing wage-price controls was hailed by the chairman of General Motors and other business executives.

Others were lukewarm about the rest of Carter's programme.

David Moffitt, a spokesman for Continental Oil Co., said "there was nothing new enough to inspire a reaction."

Japanese Prime Minister Takeo Fukuda today welcomed President Carter's speech which he said clarified the basic U.S. aim of curbing inflation and restricting oil imports.

In an interview with the publicly-owned National Broadcast Corporation to be shown on television later today, Mr. Fukuda said he would urge President Carter to defend the dollar when they meet in Washington on May 3.

The dollar fell at one point to 218.15 yen on the Tokyo Foreign Exchange Market today, reflecting market disappointment at the president's speech which did not contain any significant measures to defend the dollar, dealers said. It later recovered to 218.50.

# U.K. budget promises tax cut as polls near

LONDON, April 12 (AP). — Britain's Labour government has outlined a package of tax cuts aimed at stimulating the economy and improving labour's prospects in the next national election.

Mr. Denis Healey, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, told the House of Commons yesterday that the tax cuts would account for virtually all of the £2.5 billion (\$4.75 billion) to be injected into the economy in the fiscal year that began on April 1.

The chancellor told reporters before delivering the address that it would provide "a little sunshine to brighten up the spring" of Britain's economic recovery. Britain's economic fortunes have improved markedly over the past year with the increasing flow of North Sea oil. The balance of payments went into the black. Inflation edged below 10 per cent in January after reaching a peak of 26 per cent in September 1975. The pound is currently worth around \$1.87 compared to a record low of \$1.56 on Oct. 28, 1976.

But unemployment is running at 1.4 million, around 6 per cent of the workforce, and production is stagnant.

Tax cuts were widely expected as a means of pumping money into the economy, increasing demand and production and providing the incentives which the Labour government's critics say have been eroded under the welfare state.

"It is the first purpose of this budget to encourage a level of economic activity sufficient to get unemployment significantly down," Mr. Healey told the Commons and the nation. It was the first budget speech broadcast live from the House of Commons. Daily radio broadcasts of parliamentary proceedings began on April 3 and some law-makers referred to Mr. Healey's speech as the "Radio Budget".

There was no disputing that the British economy needs stimulating, but there was a widespread feeling that the chancellor did not go far enough.

Mrs. Margaret Thatcher, leader of the opposition Conservative Party, said Mr. Healey is a "late convert to tax cuts, and his conversion is only election deep."

There has been speculation that Prime Minister James Callaghan will call a national election in the autumn. If so, this would be Mr. Healey's last budget before an election. The tax cuts made possible by North Sea oil cannot help but sway some voters.

Britons are among the most highly taxed people in the world, with a basic tax rate of 34 per cent and a top rate of 83 per cent.

High taxes at the upper end of the scale have resulted in a new term in the British vernacular -- the "Tax Exile". These are the top earners -- pop stars, authors, athletes, professional people -- who have fled Britain's shores to avoid what they consider punitive tax rates.

## Egypt, Romania sign electricity protocol

VIENNA, April 12 (R). — Egypt and Romania signed a protocol in Bucharest yesterday on cooperation in electricity production, the official Agerpres News Agency reported.

The agreement was signed by Romanian First Deputy Prime Minister Gheorghe Oprea and Egyptian Electric Power Minister Ahmad Sultan.

Mr. Sultan, who is on an official visit to Romania, had talks with President Ceausescu earlier yesterday.

The Egyptian minister also signed an agreement for the Romanian foreign trade company Romenergo to lay electricity lines in several rural areas of Egypt, Agerpres said. No further details were given.

## FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES

LONDON, (R) — Following are the buying and selling rates for leading world currencies against the dollar at the close of interbank trading on the London foreign exchange market last night. Tourist rates will differ from those quoted below.	
One sterling ....	1.8762/69
One dollar .....	2,0130/40
2,1480/95	West German marks
1,8670/90	Dutch guilders
31,34/37	Swiss francs
4,5390/5410	Belgian francs
850,80/851,30	French francs
218,80/90	Italian lire
4,5575/85	Japanese yen
5,3010/20	Norwegian crowns
5,5475/90	Danish crowns

## LONDON MARKET REPORT

Stock prices closed lower Wednesday in thin trading, dealers said. At 15:00 the F.T. index was down 10.3 at 460.1.

Uncertainty about money supply growth and the likelihood of higher short-term interest rates, plus concern about the inflationary effects of funding the public sector borrowing requirement forecast in the budget unsettled the market, dealers said. Government bonds ended up to 1-1/2 point lower, while industrial leaders fell as much as 13p.

Golds eased with the lower bullion fixing, U.S., Canadian and Australian stock were narrowly higher.

Price of gold closed in London Wednesday at \$180.00/oz.

# Bahrain's crude oil production increases

BAHRAIN, April 12 (R). — Bahrain's crude oil production increased last year to an average of 59,182 barrels a day, reversing an earlier trend towards declining production from the island state's oilfields, according to figures released here today by the Bahrain Petroleum Company (BAPCO).

BAPCO reported, however, a 13 per cent increase in natural gas production last year to a total of 332 million cubic feet.

Crude oil output in 1976 averaged 58,183 barrels a day and the production increase last year was attributed by a company spokesman to the extensive introduction of modern recovery techniques in Bahrain's oil fields where production started in 1932, the first on

the Arab side of the Gulf. BAPCO (Bahrain Petroleum Company) is now 60 per cent owned by the government, but officials here said recently an agreement had been reached on 100 per cent state control to be announced shortly.

The Bahrain refinery, which is owned exclusively by the American Caltex group, the foreign partner in BAPCO, increased throughput by 18 per cent to an average of 260,913 barrels a day, BAPCO said.

The refinery, one of the biggest in the Middle East, processes all the crude oil produced in Bahrain and receives the balance by pipeline from Saudi Arabia. Throughput in 1976 averaged 200,750 barrels a day.

The company also reported

shipments of 271,163 barrels of liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) last year, a 75 per cent increase

## Finland to increase oil imports from Iraq

HELSINKI, April 12 (R). — Finnish imports of crude oil from Iraq will rise to 600,000 tons this year under a newly-signed agreement.

Imports were only 200,000 tons in 1976 but jumped to 400,000 last year.

The present deal was signed earlier this week in Baghdad, according to the state-owned Neste Importing and Distributing Company here.

## MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL ROUNDUP

### New York Yankees beaten again

NEW YORK, April 12 (AP).

The slugging Milwaukee Brewers continued their heavy hitting last night, getting two home runs from Gorman Thomas and one from Cecil Cooper in beating the New York Yankees 9-4.

The Brewers, 4-0, have hit nine home runs, scored 49 runs and collected 49 hits in their fast start.

Cooper and Thomas homered off loser Catfish Hunter,

while Thomas' second two-run shot of the night and third home run of the season came off Rawly Eastwick.

A two-out single by Sal Bando and Thomas' first homer of the game gave the Brewers a 3-1 lead in the second inning when, with the bases loaded, Atlanta pitcher Phil Niekro hit a grounder to third baseman Bill Almon. He tagged the runner heading to third, threw to second for a forceout and the relay to first beat Niekro for the third out.

Jack Clark's eighth-inning homer off Dave Tomlin powered the San Francisco Giants to a 3-2 triumph over the Cincinnati Reds.

Milt May's three-run homer backed the six-hit pitching of Dave Rozema as the Detroit Tigers defeated the Texas Rangers 6-2.

In the National League, J.R.

Richard allowed just two hits and Cesar Cedeno drove home the lone run as the Houston Astros beat the Los Angeles Dodgers 1-0.

Bobby Murcer drove in two runs and Rick Reuschel limited New York to four hits in seven innings, leading the Chicago Cubs to a 4-2 triumph.

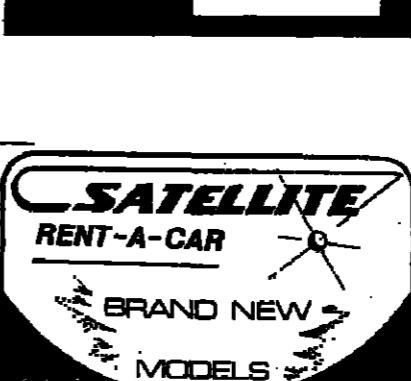
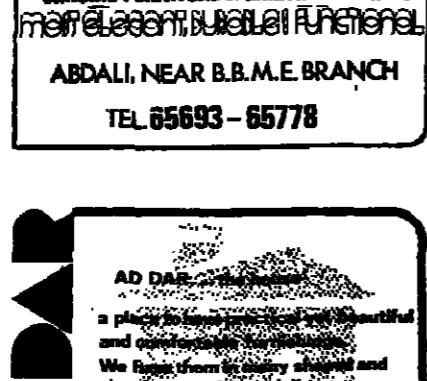
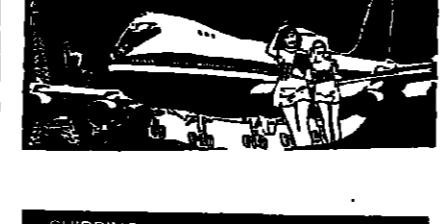
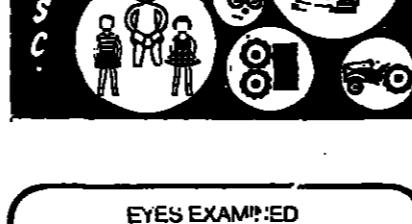
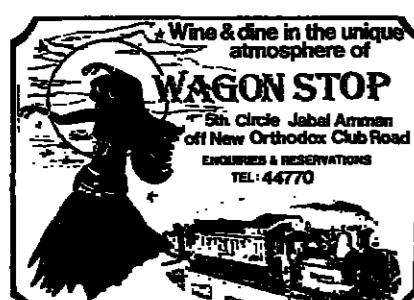
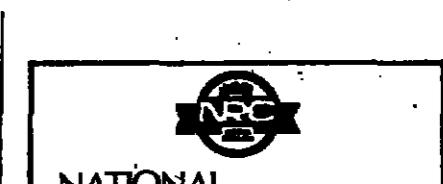
George Hendrick doubled

home Dave Winfield in the ninth inning to give the San Diego Padres a 3-2 victory over the Atlanta Braves. The Padres pulled a triple play in the second inning when, with the bases loaded, Atlanta pitcher Phil Niekro hit a grounder to third baseman Bill Almon. He tagged the runner heading to third, threw to second for a forceout and the relay to first beat Niekro for the third out.

Montreal's game at Philadelphia was rained out.

Gary Alexander belted a two-run homer and Pete Broberg combined with relievers Bob Lacey and Elias Sosa as the Oakland A's beat the Seattle Mariners 2-0 and Roger Erickson pitched a seven-hitter and Mike Cubbage and Roy Smalley homered to highlight a five-run fifth inning that powered the Minnesota Twins to an 8-1 victory over the California Angels.

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